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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continued Prosecution Application of:) Art Unit: 1743
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) Examiner: Bex, P.
 Applicant: Mathies, et al)
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 Application No.: 09/199,655)
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 Filed: November 25, 1998)
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 For: MICROPLATE SAMPLE AND REAGENT)
 LOADING SYSTEM)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of this Continued Prosecution Application (CPA), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks with respect to the above referenced application.